SI. No.	State/UT	No. of human li ves lost	No. of animals perished	Cropped area affected (in lakh Ha.)	No. of Houses/ Huts Damaged
1.	Andhra Pradesh (due to hailstorms/heavy rains)	34	1643	1.28	3556
2.	Karnataka	26	2631	2.28	15479
3.	Kerala	4	NR	0.08	NR
4.	Tamil Nadu	24	804	3.91	5782
5.	Puducherry	NR	NR	0.16	NR

NR=Not reported

(c) and (d) The details of Central assistance provided to Southern States are as under:—

SI. No.	State/UT	Advance release of Central share of CRF for 2008-09 (Rs. In crore)	Status of visit of Central teams
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Under Consideration	Being constituted
2.	Karnataka	Under Consideration	7th-9th April, 08
3.	Kerala	37.115	5th-6th April, 08
4.	Tamil Nadu	96.77	6th—10th April, 08
5.	Puducherry	#	being constituted

Note: Allocation of funds under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) is fixed by the successive Finance Commissions and corpus is contributed by the Government of India and State Governments in the ratio of 3:1. Central contribution is released in two equal instalments in June and December every year.

#Puducherry, being a Union Territory is not covered under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF). The necessary amount will be released as additional Central assistance from UT budget of Ministry of Home Affairs.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Revoking custom duty reduction on palm oil

2482. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has reduced the customs duty on edible oils, including palm oil; and

(b) if so, considering the plight of coconut farmers in Kerala will the Government revoke the decision to reduce customs duty on palm oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has recently reduced the customs duty on edible oils including palm oil keeping

in view the need to make edible oils affordable to consumers in the wake of global rise in their prices.

(b) Presently, there is no proposal to revoke the decision to reduce customs duty on palm **oil.**

Industrial Parks established in the country

2483. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

-{a) the number of industrial Parks established in the country, State-wise, under the Industrial Parks Scheme, 2002;

(b) the essential features of the scheme; and

(c) the result obtained on account of the enforcement of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) State-wise approvals given under the Industrial Park Scheme 2002 is given in the Statement ***(See*** below).

(b) Industrial Park Scheme aims at encouraging private investment in development of industrial parks in which high quality infrastructure is made available in a centralized manner, so that the units operating from such parks can have the benefit of lower transaction cost and shorter start-up time. Under this Scheme, income tax exemption under Section 80 IA of Income Tax Act 1961, is available to the developer/operator of the park, for any ten consecutive years out of fifteen years from the date of commencement of the park.

(c) Under the Industrial Park Scheme, 1999 and Industrial Park Scheme, 2002, 273 approvals (including 42 withdrawals) have been given till date. In 231 live projects, around Rs. 16449.74 crores is estimated investment and around Rs. 14,425.41 crores (88% of total investment) is estimated investment on infrastructure development. 17216 units were proposed to be located in the projects.

Statement

State-wise details of approvals given under the Industrial Park Scheme 2002

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Number of approvals under the Industrial Park Scheme, 2002
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	21
2.	Chandigarh	1
3.	Chhattisgarh	-
4.	Gujarat	4
5.	Haryana	2
6.	Karnataka	36